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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 2, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", kindly insert This
patent application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/997,763, filed December
24, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. _____, issued _____, which claims foreign
priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 from Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 8-350619
filed December 27, 1996, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13-17.

The application now appearing to be in form for allowance, early notification of same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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